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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CHIEF OF STATE

1. PLEASE RELAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO PRESIDENT KHAMA.

2. QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

QTE I KNOW THAT DURING YOUR VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES
OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS YOU HAVE GAINED AN APPRECIATION
FOR THE DEEP SENSE OF RESPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE FOR YOU AND THE PEOPLE
OF BOTSWANA. THIS RESPECT IS BASED ON OUR COMMON GOALS
AND IDEALS. BOTH OF OUR NATIONS ARE COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING

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HUMAN DIGNITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, RACIAL EQUALITY, AND ECON-
OMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDER A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU TOWARDS ENHANCING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF BOTSWANA IN A FRAMEWORK OF PEACE.

3. QTE AS I TAKE UP MY DUTIES AS PRESIDENT I WANT TO
ASSURE YOU OF THE UNITED STATES' GREAT INTEREST IN THE

FUTURE OF AFRICA AND MY DEDICATION TO DOING WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST IN THE EFFORT TO PROMOTE PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CONTINENT.

4. QTE AS A MATTER OF IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CARRY ON THE EFFORTS ALREADY BEGUN TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE REGION. IN THE FUTURE WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE AND GOOD OFFICES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE BEST APPLIED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL.

5. QTE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ASSUME THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL BE AN EASY ONE. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE DIPLOMACY EVERY CHANCE TO WORK.

6. QTE I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SEPARATELY TO CONSULT ON FUTURE STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE, AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA'S DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQTE
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